

REINVENTING FIRE: CHINA

A ROADMAP FOR CHINA'S REVOLUTION
IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND
PRODUCTION TO 2050

重塑能源：中国

面向2050年能源消费和生产革命路线图研究

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A ROADMAP FOR CHINA'S REVOLUTION IN THE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION OF ENERGY

- 3 years of scientific research
- 4 partner joint US-China research team
- Analyzed cost-effective technology opportunities
- Created solutions roadmap



RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO DEFINE A LOW CARBON PATHWAY

6× GDP

Chinese economy increases 6 times by 2050

+1% Primary Energy

Using about the same amount of energy as today

55% non-emitting*

Over half from non-fossil energy

-42% CO₂ emission

Yielding 42% reduction in CO₂ emissions from 2010

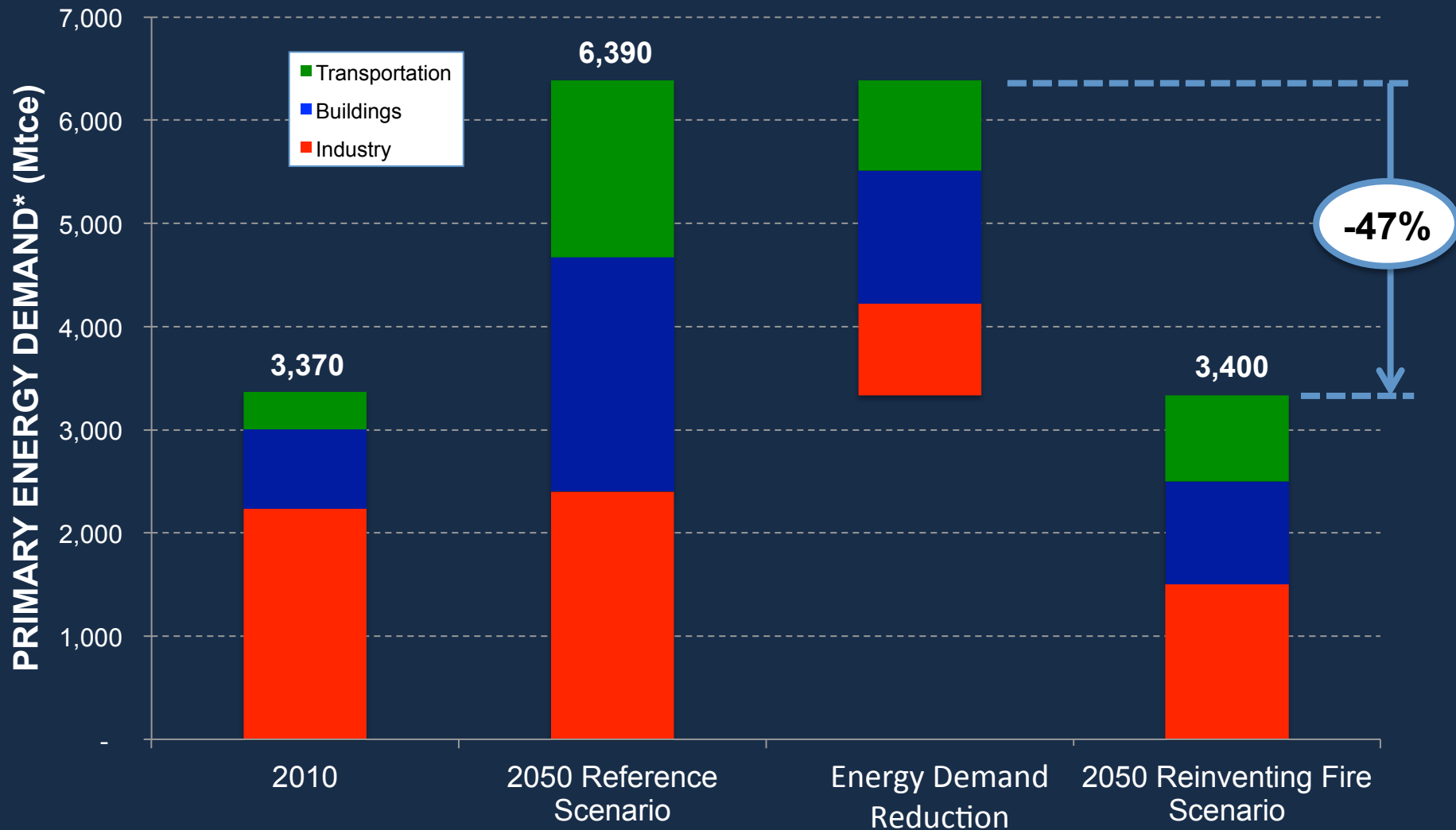
¥21 Trillion net benefit

Requires ¥35 Trillion investment for ¥56 Trillion benefit, excluding environmental gains

100%
Technically
feasible, cost-
effective and
socially
acceptable

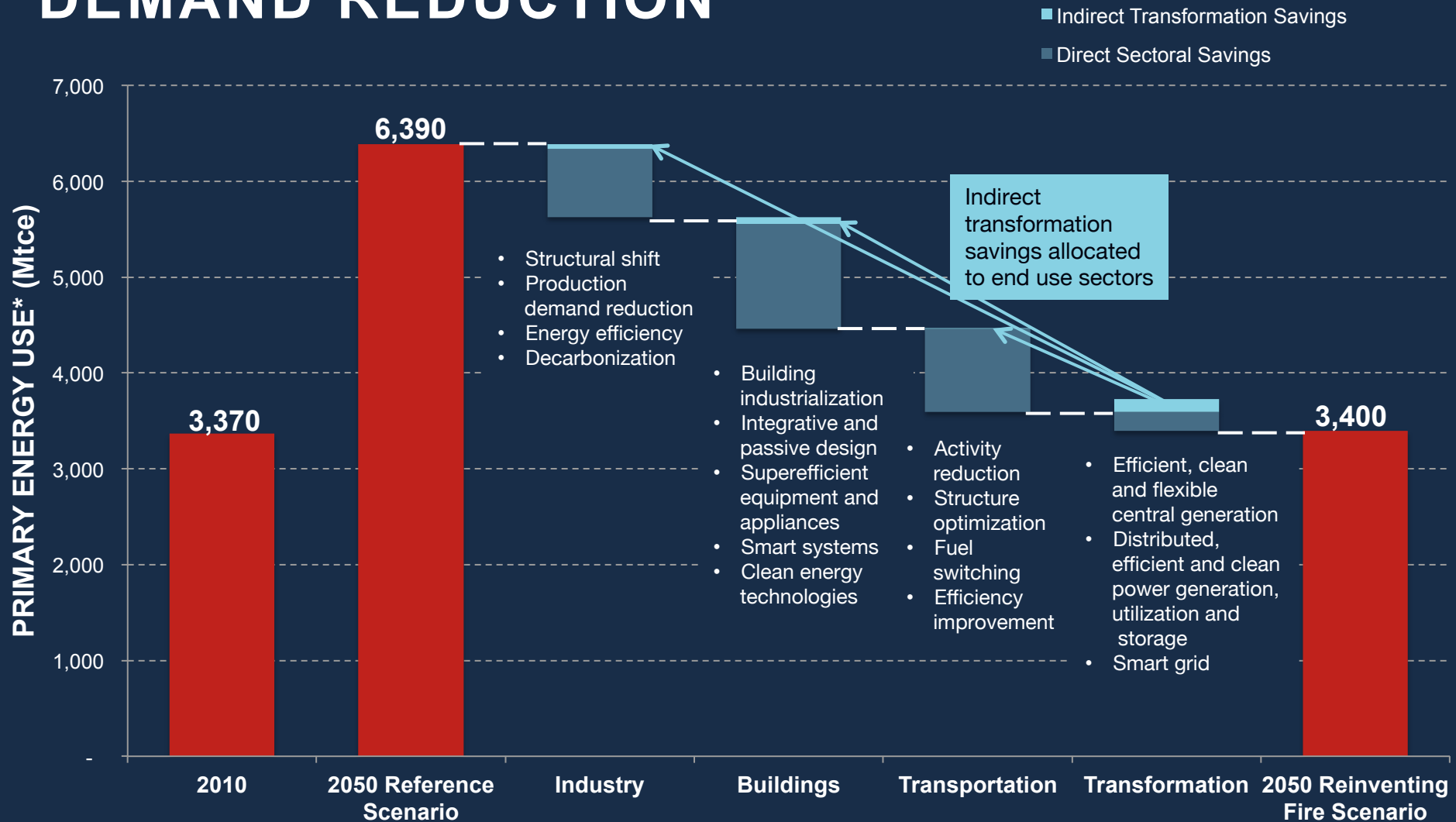
* Primary electricity converted using coal power plant equivalent, in accordance with China's pledged target; 35% if using direct equivalent method (consistent with IPCC)

STEP 1: DECOUPLING ENERGY DEMAND THROUGH IMPROVED EFFICIENCY



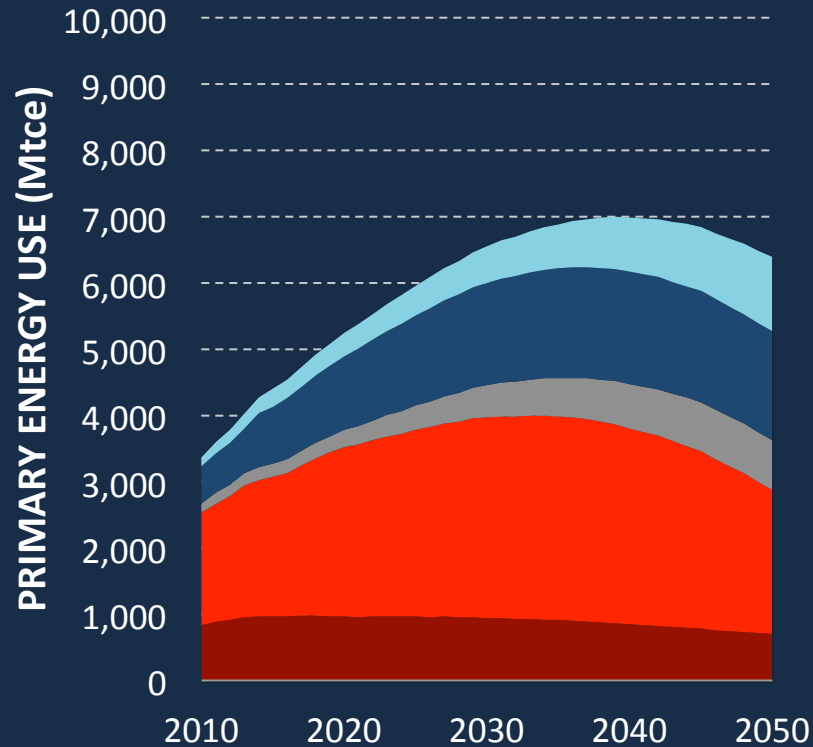
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SECTOR-BASED STRATEGIES TO DELIVER DEMAND REDUCTION

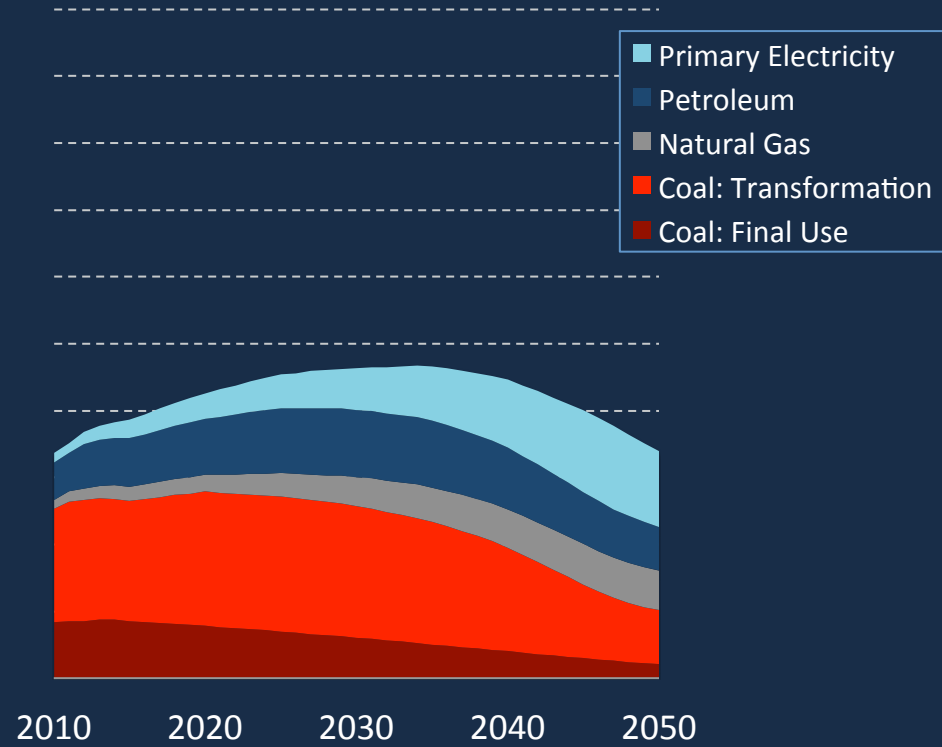


STEP 2: SHIFTING SUPPLY TO NON-FOSSIL SOURCES

Reference Scenario



Reinventing Fire Scenario



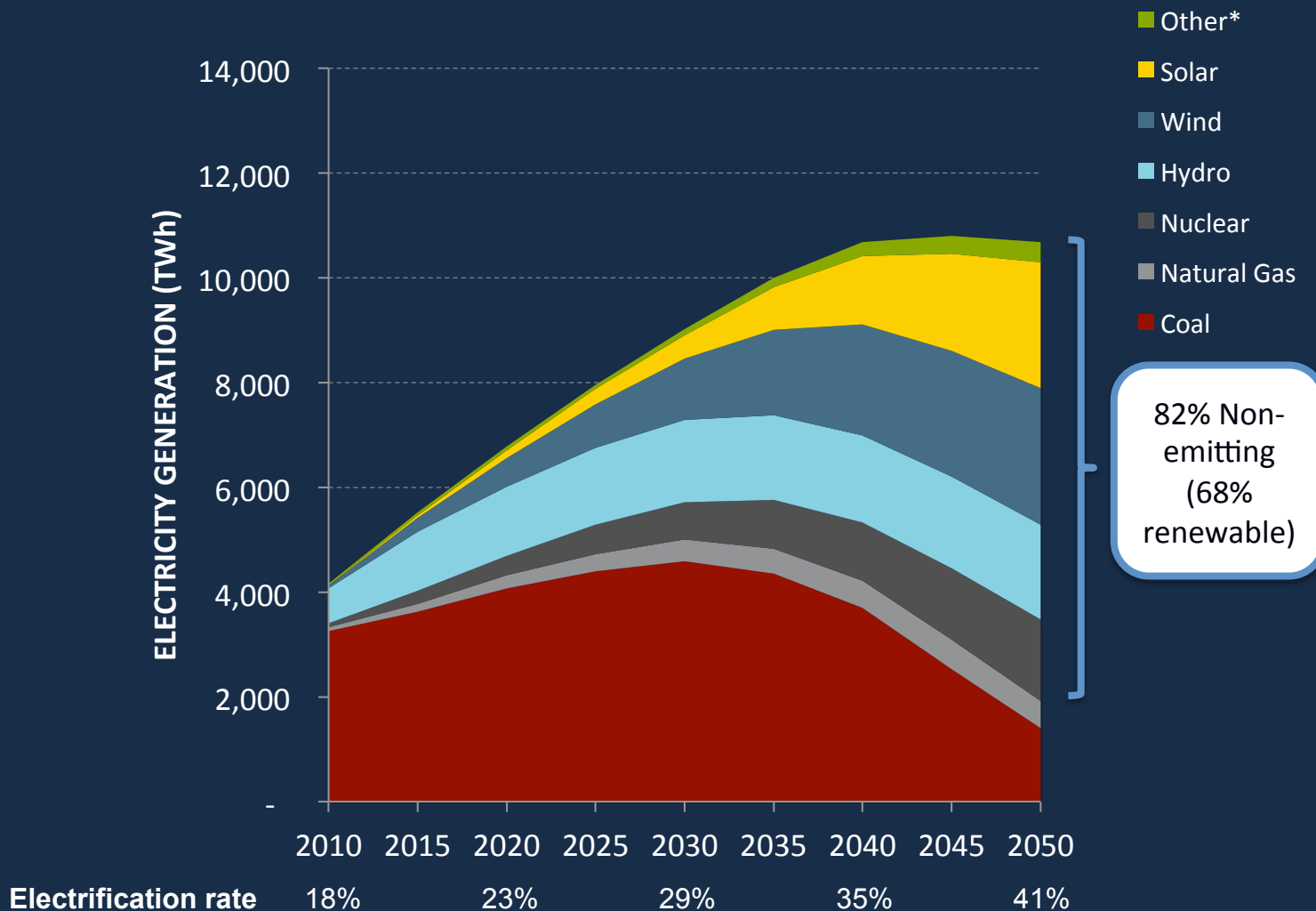
Share of non-fossil primary energy

	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
IPCC	4%	7%	8%	12%	18%
CPCC	11%	17%	21%	28%	38%

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ELECTRIFICATION AND TRANSFORMING GRID ARE CRITICAL

Reinventing Fire Scenario

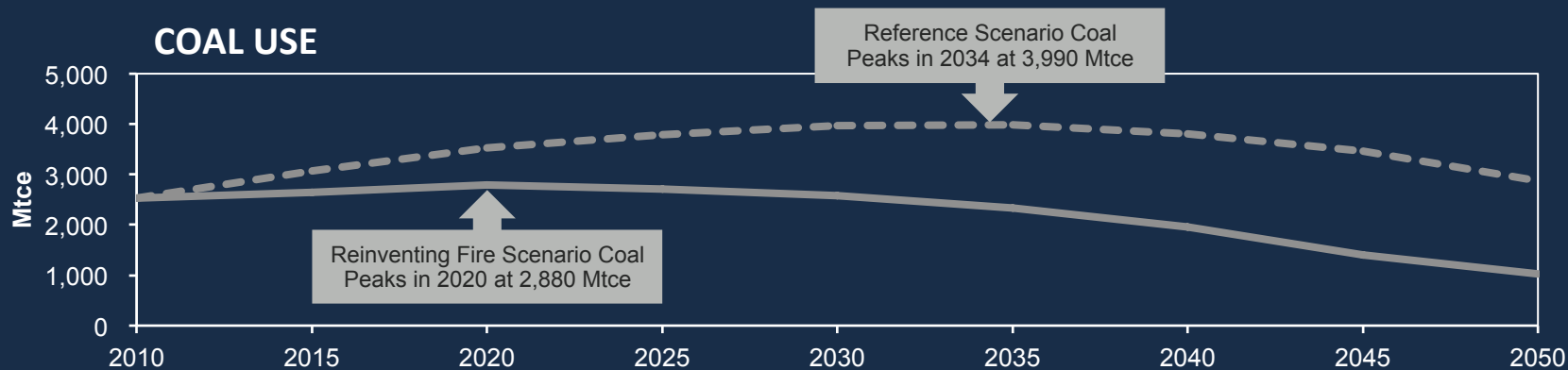


* Other includes waste to electricity, biogas, straw, wood, geothermal, and ocean energy

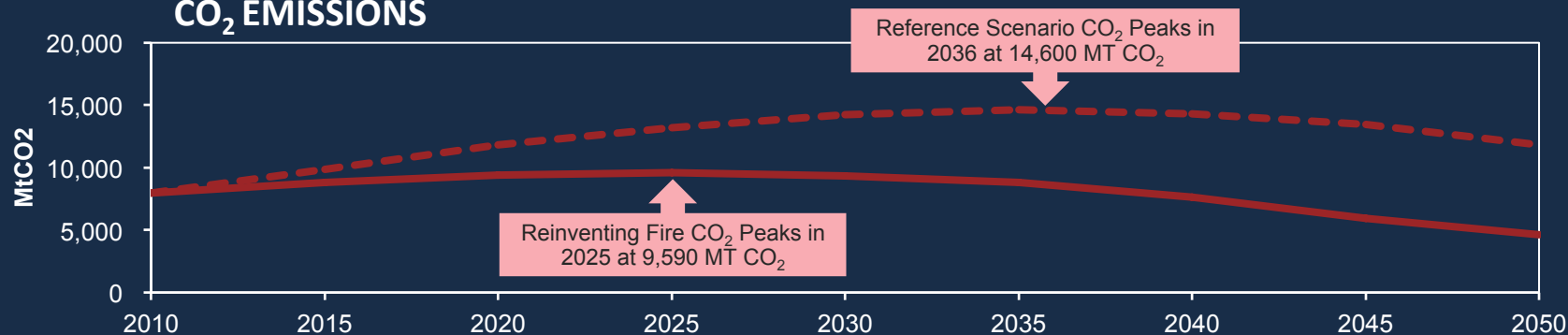
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THE RESULT: EARLIER AND LOWER PEAKS

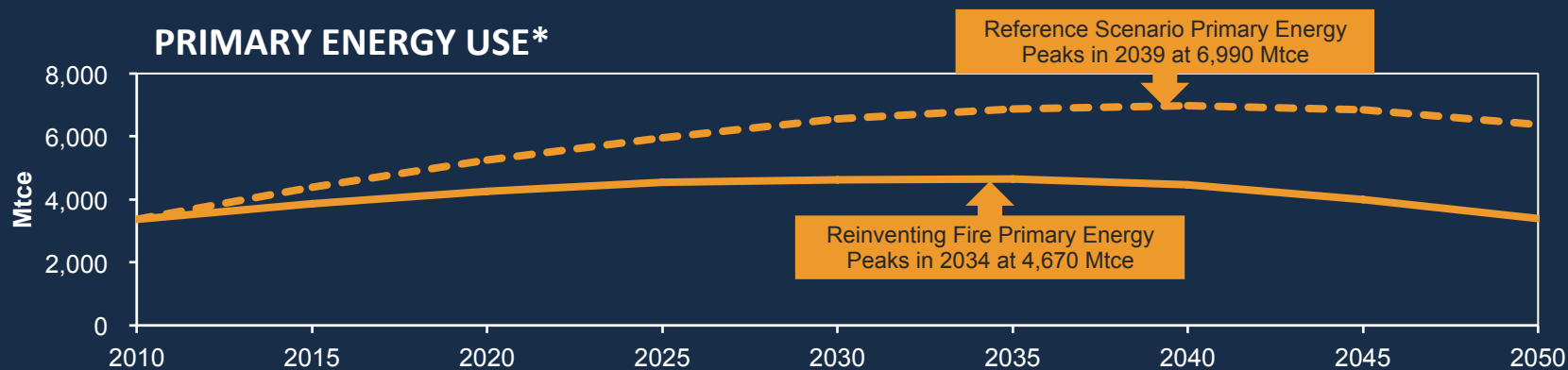
COAL USE



CO₂ EMISSIONS



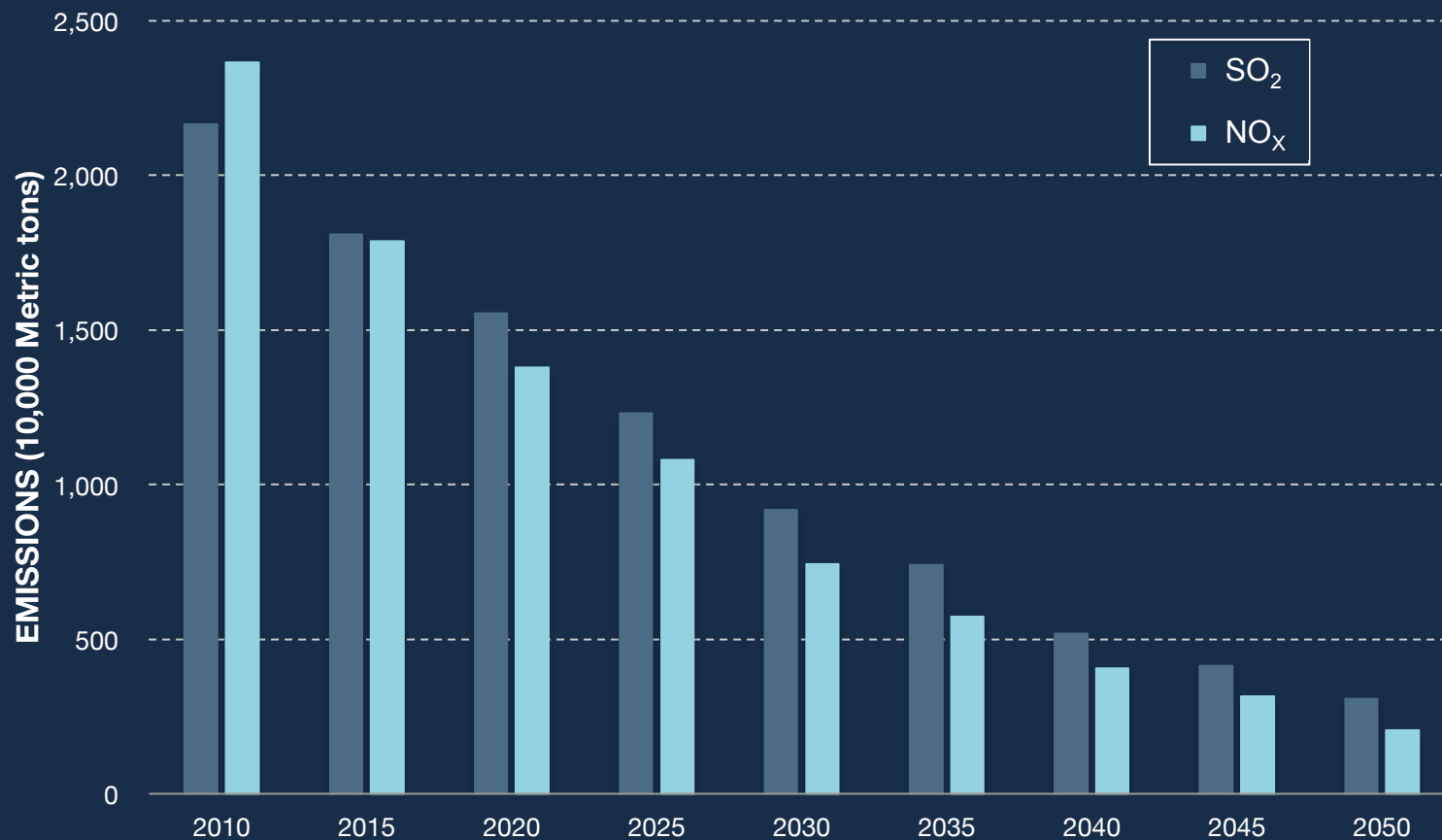
PRIMARY ENERGY USE*



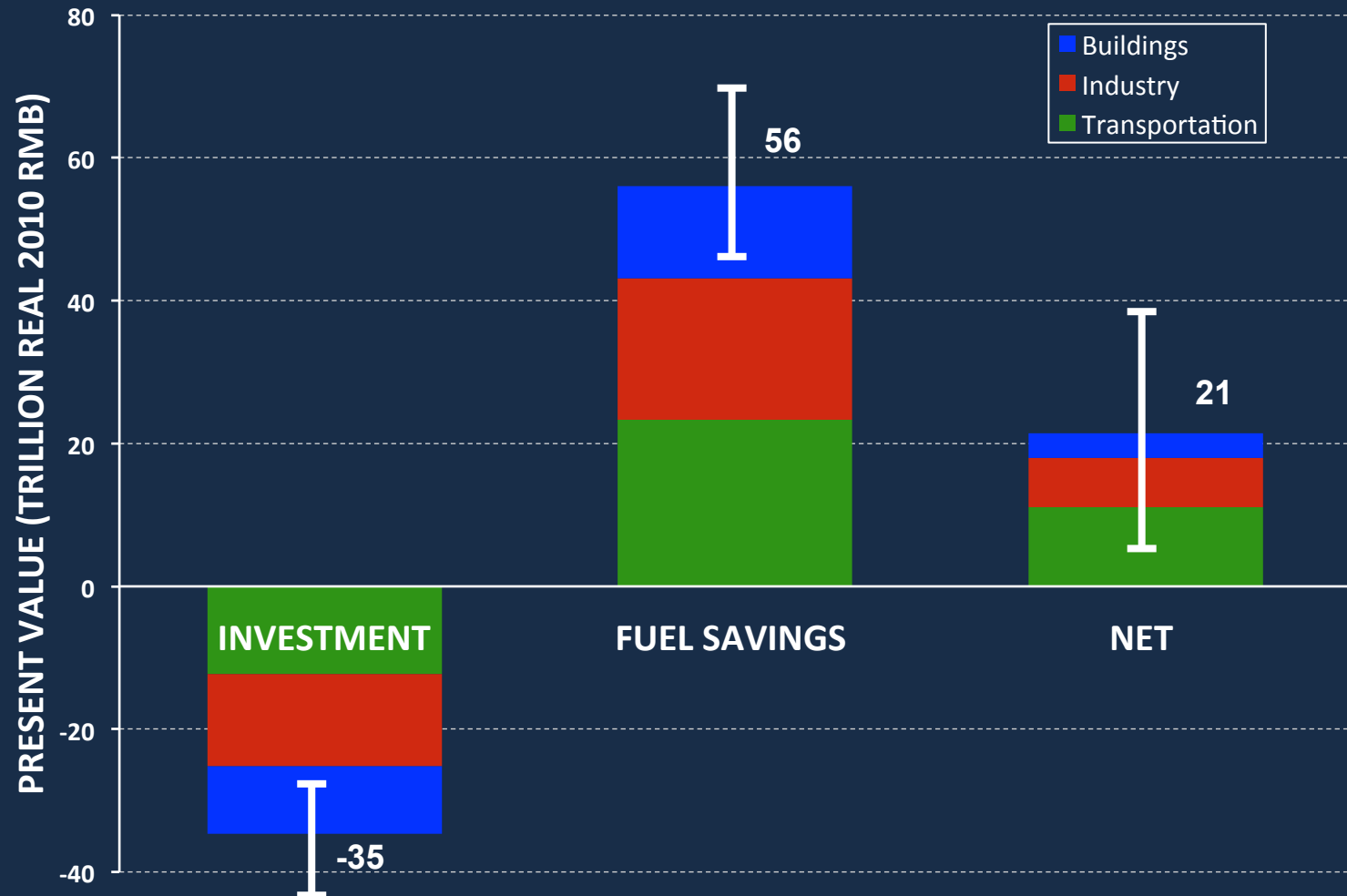
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ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS IN ENERGY-RELATED AIR POLLUTION



ACCOMPLISHED USING AVAILABLE, COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS



THREE PHASES OF CHINA'S ENERGY REVOLUTION

INCREASING GDP, ENERGY
PRODUCTIVITY, CARBON
PRODUCTIVITY

Phase 1:

Waging a war on pollution;
post-industrial transition

Phase 2:

Peaking CO₂ emissions
and post-industrial growth

Phase 3:

Green and intelligent
development, completing
low carbon energy
transition

Timing

2010-2020

2020-2030

2030-2050

Targets

- Peak coal by 2020
- Peak industrial CO₂ emissions by 2020
- 25% reduction in SO₂, NO_x from 2010

- Peak oil demand by 2030
- Peak national CO₂ emissions by 2030
- CO₂ emissions per GDP decrease 70% from 2005 levels

- Primary energy peaks and then drops to around 3.8 billion tons, higher than 2010
- Building and transportation sector CO₂ emissions peak around 2040
- CO₂ emissions drop to 5 GT by 2050

DECREASING EMISSIONS

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Launch Reinventing Fire Strategy to facilitate low-carbon transformation
- Expand energy efficiency as the First Fuel
- Facilitate solution deployment to improve energy productivity by 6 times, carbon productivity by 13 times
- Promote development of electrified, low-carbon energy system
- Promote integrative design and upgrade infrastructure
- Facilitate commercial innovation and build dynamic markets
- Unleash reform and ecological dividend through institutional transformation

PUBLICATIONS



A MODEL FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION



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